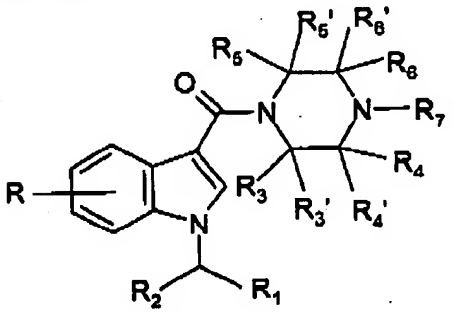
Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) An 1-[(indol-3-yl)carbonyl]piperazine derivative having the general formula I



Formula I

wherein

R represents 1-4 substituents independently selected from H, (C_{1-4})alkyl (optionally substituted with halogen), (C_{1-4})alkyloxy (optionally substituted with halogen), halogen, OH, NH_2, CN and NO_2;

R_1 is (C_{5-8})cycloalkyl or (C_{5-8})cycloalkenyl;

R_2 is H, methyl or ethyl;

R_3, R_3', R_4' R_4', R_5, R_5' and R_6' are independently hydrogen or (C_{1-4})alkyl, optionally substituted with (C_{1-4})alkyloxy, halogen or OH;

R_6 is hydrogen or (C_{1-4})alkyl, optionally substituted with (C_{1-4})alkyloxy, halogen or OH; or

R_6 forms together with R_7 a 4-7 membered saturated heterocyclic ring~~, optionally containing a further heteroatom selected from O and S~~;

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R_7 is H, (C_{1-4})alkyl or (C_{3-5})cycloalkyl, the alkyl groups being optionally substituted with OH, halogen or (C_{1-4})alkyloxy; or

a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

2. (Original) The 1-[(indol-3-yl)carbonyl]piperazine derivative of claim 1, wherein R_2 is H and R_1 is (C_{5-8})cycloalkyl.

3. (Original) The 1-[(indol-3-yl)carbonyl]piperazine derivative of claim 2, wherein R is (C_{1-4})alkyloxy or halogen.

4 (Original) The 1-[(indol-3-yl)carbonyl]piperazine derivative of claim 3, wherein R represents a methoxy group at the 7-position of the indole ring.

5. (Original) The 1-[(indol-3-yl)carbonyl]piperazine derivative of claim 4, wherein R_3, R_3', R_4', R_5, R_5' and R_6' are H; R_4, R_8 and R_7 are independently H or (C_{1-4})alkyl; or R_8 forms together with R_7 a 5- or 6-membered saturated heterocyclic ring and R_4 is H or (C_{1-4})alkyl.

6. (Previously Presented) The 1-[(indol-3-yl)carbonyl]piperazine derivative according to claim 1, wherein the derivative is selected from the group consisting of

1-{[1-(cyclohexylmethyl)-7-methoxy-1*H*-indol-3-yl]carbonyl}-3,5-dimethyl-4-ethylpiperazine;

1-{[1-(cyclohexylmethyl)-7-methoxy-1*H*-indol-3-yl]carbonyl}-3,4,5-trimethylpiperazine;

(*S*)-1-{[1-(cyclohexylmethyl)-7-methoxy-1*H*-indol-3-yl]carbonyl}-3,4-dimethylpiperazine;

(*S*)-2-{[1-(cyclohexylmethyl)-7-methoxy-1*H*-indol-3-yl]carbonyl}-octahydro-2*H*-pyrido-[1,2-a]pyrazine;

(*S*)-2-{[1-(cyclohexylmethyl)-7-methoxy-1*H*-indol-3-yl]carbonyl}-octahydro-2*H*-pyrrolo-[1,2-a]pyrazine; and

(*S*)-2-{[1-(cyclopentylmethyl)l-7-methoxy-1*H*-indol-3-yl]carbonyl}-octahydro-2*H*-pyrido-[1,2-a]pyrazine;

or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof of each individual derivative.

7. (Canceled).

8. (Previously Presented) A pharmaceutical composition, comprising:

the 1-[(indol-3-yl)carbonyl]piperazine derivative of claim 1, and

a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.

9. (Canceled).

10. (Canceled)

11. (Previously Presented) A method of treating pain in a patient in need thereof, comprising: administering an effective amount of the derivative according to claim 1.